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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CENTO EXERCISE ZANJEER

REF: (A) TEHRAN 4058, (B) STATE 104881, (C) ANKARA 3478

1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY TEHRAN'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST US IN MONITORING ZANJEER, AND WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE CONSTRAINTS AT THIS TIME. AS TIME CAN BE SPARED FROM MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES, LA PORTA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE U.S. POL-MIL INPUT INTO ZANJEER WHICH, COMBINED MILITARY PLANNING STAFF (CMPS) OFFICER HAS TOLD US, MAY INVOLVE TWO HOURS TIME DAILY IN EARLY DAYS OF EXERCISE. ALSO, CMPS OFFICER HAS SAID ZANJEER WILL BE HELD AT IRANIAN STAFF COLLEGE IN DOWNTOWN TEHRAN WHICH MAY BE CONVENIENT TO BOTH EMBASSY AND SITE OF MINISTERIAL. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EMBASSY TEHRAN COULD ASSIST IN MONITORING ZANJEER ON PART-TIME BASIS AFTER END OFMINISTERIAL AND LA PORTA'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE ON MAY 16.

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2. REGARDING PUBLICITY ASPECT OF ZANJEER PER REF B, WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH CMPS AND HAVE REVIEWED PRESS RELEASES SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED AT BEGINNING AND END OF EXERCISE, I.E., ON MAY 12 AND MAY 25. THERE IS NO RPT NO LINKAGE OF ZANJEER WITH MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES IN PRESS RELEASES AND THEY ARE LOW-KEY AND PRO FORMA. MACOMBER

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